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Applicant: Mulhauser et al.
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For: IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESIS AND METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR LOADING AND DELIVERING AN IMPLANTABLE
PROSTHESIS
Examiner: Nguyen, D.
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56,
1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this
Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified
application the information listed on the attached form
PTO-1449 (modified).

A copy of each of the above-identified information is
enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form
PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information,
along with any other information, in reaching a determination
concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to
evidence that the cited information has been fully considered
by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of
this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any
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Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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